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## “First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team

For the week of January 27, 2013

Share with others on the Prayer Vigil throughout the week, during our Connections time on Sundays, or using our FaceBook group “First Watch Prayer Vigil.” [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096) .

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### 31 Prayers - #21

From *31 Days of Prayer* by Ruth and Warren Myers (Multnomah, 1997) – each week, use the prayer and “As You Have Time” features to reflect on the focus for the week.

#### Pray for New Believers

Dear Lord, thank You for inviting me to join this strategic ministry of intercession. Show me which persons You want me to pray for, and help me pray for them often, without giving up.

Thank You, Father, for Your tender heart toward the newly born-again children in Your family. How grieved You are when they remain weak infants or become lukewarm or fall into sin. Protect and encourage the new family members I know, and others around the world, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Give special grace and deliverance to those strongly surrounded by Satan’s power. Deliver them from the evil one.

Assure new believers of their salvation and give them a hunger for the spiritual milk of Your Word. Help them pray and not lose heart. Lead them to nurturing groups of believers where Your Word is proclaimed and where older Christians will help them grow.

Teach them the wonder of Christ’s presence within them and how fully they belong to You. Fill their hearts with thankfulness and with glad surrender.

Amen

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

1 Peter 2:2, NKJV

#### As You Have Time

THE TONIC OF WORSHIP. In *Praise: A Door to God’s Presence*, we wrote about the benefits of praise-filled praying, “God places great importance on worship, praise, and thanksgiving. He does so not because He has our best interests at heart. Praise and thanksgiving help us rise above self-centeredness to Christ-centeredness. They focus our hearts and minds on the Lord and make us more like Him. We cheat ourselves when we neglect them, for they are a tonic that promotes joy and spiritual vigor.”

The Bible sparkles with praise passages that express in inspired words the wonder of our God. Some Old Testament favorites: 1 Chronicles 16:27-29; 29:11-12; Psalm 68:32-35; 73:25-26; 4:11-12; 90:1-2; 93:3-4; 103:1-5; 145:8-9; Isaiah 24:1; 40:12-13; 64:4; Jeremiah 10:6-7, 10; 32:17; Lamentations 3:22-24.

CHANGE OF PACE. Try using photographs or a map of the world to prompt your prayers.

Occasionally pray for people, places, and needs far outside your usual range of concerns. Or carry your day’s requests around with you on a slip of paper to use in spare moments or on a prayer walk.

**In coming weeks:** Pray for Pastors; for God’s Power on All Who Serve the Lord—Lay and Full-Time; for More Workers in God’s Harvest

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### The Prayer of Expectancy

Remember to use this each week. It is included in the version posted on the [Prayer Vigil](#) page of the website or in the Touch Points for September 9 when we began this series

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#### PRAYER PROMPTS

- Similar to last week’s prayer for those who profess to be Christians without really knowing Christ, this week’s prayer is another good reminder to update your “Impact List” of people, especially those who have newly come to faith.
- Pray that the Lord will lead three new families or individuals to us by Easter and three more by Memorial Day. Pray that he will continue to bless, as we have seen in the past year, with new people who are excited about their relationship with Christ and have interests and abilities that they are willing to put to use to fill urgent needs here at Evangel.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s sermon\*, “The Real Passover Plot” (Matthew 26:14-19).
- Pray for Evangel as we face significant challenges in this new ministry year. Pray especially for God’s direction in our pursuit of a Worship Arts Director as a significant part of our ministry team and for a Director for VBS this summer. Both of these positions must be filled quickly if we are to advance this year.

\*Materials from the sermon (podcast, plus pdf versions of sermon outline and PowerPoint notes) are available on the website by Monday

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Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.